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SOVIET TORPEDO BOAT CONSTRUCTION AT ROSTOCK

[The original newspaper headline for the following article was "Russians
 Build Submarines and MTBs at the Shipyards in Rostock." The word for subma-
 rine (ubaat), however, does not appear in the article.]

Berlin (NTB) -- According to circles close to the East German government,
 the keels have been laid for the first four of a large number of Soviet-designed
 torpedo boats which are being built for the Soviets at the Neptunwerft (Neptune
 Shipyards) in Rostock. Details on the tonnage, equipment, etc. are not avail-
 able but it is stated that the vessels have several new features on which Soviet
 maritime engineers have been working for a number of years. It is not known
 how many boats are to be built.

At another Rostock shipyard, the Rodewerft, the Soviets are supposed to
 have ordered a considerable number of motor torpedo boats. Work on these boats
 began about 6 months ago; the annual production is supposed to have been set
 at 24 vessels. The diesel engines which will propel these torpedo boats have
 been ordered from another East German factory.

It has been announced officially that the torpedo boats are to be coastal
 patrol vessels.

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